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"WITH THE COLORS"



Mr. Elmer Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
Burlington Iowa.



"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Devens Mass.
April 13, 1918.

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We are going to hike with full equipment starting Monday, the outfit weighs about 70 lbs.

They sure do pull your shoulder blades together, and believe me if you got your chest on your back it sure will push it where it belongs. A fellow can eat when he is hiking in the open, and getting all the exercise, and he sure can sleep. I am sure getting used to getting up ~~at~~ in the morning and I feel a whole lot better.

I am awake every morning when the whistle blows and then I jump to get dressed, for we only got 10 minutes to be out on the line. Say, I will send some pictures home tomorrow (Sunday). Well to change the subject how is everything in the old burg. Say tell Gillies that I would like to hear from him, sometime. I wrote him

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[Page 1 – Envelope]

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triangle with print
YMCA across center]]

[[Image: Military postmark stamp:
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MASS. / DEVENS BRANCH” encircling
date: “APR 14 / 630 PM / 1918”]]

[[Image: Original maroon
3-cent stamp with left-facing
profile of George
Washington]]

[[Image: printed
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[Page 2 – Letter]

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